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# AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated April 19, 2006, in which Claims 1-12, 14-17, and 19-20 were finally rejected. In order to place this application in condition for allowance or in better form for consideration on appeal, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered as follows: